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(c) the improvements that have so far been effected in those **villages?**

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) to (c) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister for Agriculture assure this House that the suggestions made by the villagers for the improvement of the scheme will be taken into consideration by the Government and is he aware of the fact that some of the officers employed under this scheme are going about canvassing in the villages, that only if they vote for the Congress Party in future, such kind of schemes will fructify in their areas? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No assurance is necessary from me. I welcome suggestions for implementing the Community Project Schemes from these people. I want the hon. Member to take more active interest in canvassing suggestions like that. I can tell the hon. Member that I am not aware of any instance of officers doing any political work and if there is any specific instance and if he writes to me specifically about it, I shall look into the matter."

Consumption of sugar in the State.

* 412 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) what was the annual consumption of sugar in our State during the ration period;

(b) what is the approximate consumption of sugar annually at present;

(c) what was the stock of sugar held in the Nellikuppam Distilleries and Sugar Factory, Limited, South Arcot, last year;

(d) what was the production of the E.I.D. & S.F. Limited, this year; and

(e) the total deliveries from the company this year?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Nearly 55,000 tons for Madras State as constituted at present.

" (b) Somewhat higher, up to probably 60,000 tons.

" (c) The stock of sugar held by the Nellikuppam factory on 1st November 1952 was 3,910 tons.

" (d) Total production in 1952–53 was 27,552 tons.

" (e) Total deliveries made from the factory from 1st November 1952 to 31st October 1953 come to 30,979 tons."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" நெல்லிக்குப்பம் சர்க்கரை ஆலையில் உற்பத்தியாகும் சர்க்கரையில் ஆயிரக்கணக்கான மூட்டைகள் ஜப்பானுக்கும் மற்ற வெளிநாடுகளுக்கும் ஏற்றுமதி செய்யப்பட்டு, வெளிநாடுகளிலிருந்து சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திற்கு அதிகமான விலை கொடுத்து இறக்குமதி செய்தது உண்டா ?

[a] **Printed as Appendix II on pages 618-619 infra.**

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சர்க்கார் அப்படிச் செய்வதனுல் நெல்லிகுப்பம் ஆலையில் வேலைசெய்யும் தொழிலாளர்களினுடைய போனஸ் 10 சத விகிதம் குறைந்திருக்கிறது. அரசாங்கத்திற்கும் நஷ்டம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அரசாங்கத்திற்கு கம்பெனியார் கணக்குகளை சரியாகக் காட்டுவதில்லையென்பதை அரசாங்கம் அறியுமா? அதற்காக அரசாங்கம் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுவார்கள். ? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Sir, the hon. Member is completely misinformed. There was no export of sugar from the Nellikuppam factory to any outside country.''

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—'' சர்க்கரை குறைவாக இருக்கும்போது என் அரசாங்கம் புகலூர் சர்க்கரை ஆலையை எடுத்து நடத்துவதற்கு முன் வரவில்லை? அதை அரசாங்கம் எடுத்து நடத்தினுல் சர்க்கரை உற்பத்தி பெருகக்கூடும் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் அறிவார்களா? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' That question may be addressed to the Minister for Agriculture.''

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—'' Is it a fact that the present price of sugar per viss is much higher than what it was last year? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' It is slightly higher. It is not much higher.''

Expenditure incurred by the Fisheries Department.

* 413 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the total net loss incurred, if any, by the Fisheries Department during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The net expenditure incurred by the Government during 1952–53 on account of the Fisheries department was Rs. 15,88,496. This is a development department and therefore the expenditure cannot be spoken of as loss.''

Repairs to Monappa Eri, Gingee taluk.

* 414 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state for how long the estimate for the repairs to Monappa Eri, Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, is pending sanction with the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' No estimate is pending with the Government. The matter is under the consideration of the Collector of South Arcot and the Executive Engineer (Public Works Department), Cuddalore.''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' How long it is pending with the Collector? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' It is pending for some time.'' (Laughter.)